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Media Advisory

Department of Homeland Security to Award Telecommunications for the Deaf \$1.4 Million Grant

Sutherland to present Competitive Training Grant award

Washington, D.C. – Daniel W. Sutherland, Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, will present Telecommunications for the Deaf Incorporated (TDI) with a \$1.4 million Competitive Training Grant to develop a network that will provide information to individuals with hearing disabilities on disaster preparedness and homeland security.

The Competitive Training Grants Program provides funding for training initiatives to further the Department's mission of preparing the nation in the event of a terrorist incident. TDI completed a rigorous application process for this grant—over 217 applications were received and the Department selected 14 programs for funding, totaling \$33,645,997 to be awarded.

WHAT: Department of Homeland Security Competitive Training Grants Program award presentation

WHO: Daniel W. Sutherland, Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, U.S. Department of Homeland

Security

WHEN: Wednesday, September 29, 2004

2 p.m.

WHERE: Galludet University, Kellogg Conference Hotel

Executive Boardroom, Second Floor

800 Florida Avenue, NE Washington, D.C. 20002

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